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SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

We record with regret the death of Henry Andrews Bumstead, professor of physics at Yale University and director of the Sloan Physical Laboratory; of Sir William Abney, eminent for his contributions to photography and color vision, and of Dr. Yves Delage, professor of zoology in University of Paris, distinguished for his work on protoplasm, heredity and general biology.

Dr. Henry Norris Russell, professor of astronomy at Princeton University, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society. The medal will be presented at the annual meeting of the society and Professor Russell will sail for London on January 29.

The Perkin medal of the American Section of the Society of Chemical Industry has been awarded to Dr. Willis R. Whitney, research director of the General Electric Company.

Professor Edward S. Morse of Peabody Academy and Boston

Museum of Fine Arts, has been elected an honorary member of the East Asiatic Society.

Dr. E. E. Slosson, associate editor of *The Independent* and formerly professor of chemistry in the University of Wyoming, has been elected editor of the *Science Service*, the temporary headquarters of which are at 1701 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, former provost of the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected president of the American Chemical Society.

Plans have been completed by the trustees of the Johns Hopkins Hospital for the reconstruction of the hospital group, which will involve an investment of approximately \$11,500,000, including \$6,750,000 as a permanent endowment fund. The first unit will be started next summer by the erection of a new pathologic building, costing \$600,000, to replace the structure destroyed by fire last winter.